Do you want to read Psalm 151?

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Yes, I read it and for those who haven't here is a translation of it and my personal commentary on it after the psalm.

This is a psalm written with David's own hand, although outside the number, when he fought in single combat with Goliath.†

I was small among my brothers and the youngest in my father's house.

I tended my father's sheep.

2 My hands built a musical instrument. My fingers tuned a lyre.

3 And who shall tell my Lord? The Lord Himself, He Himself hears.

4 He sent forth His Angel (messenger)

And took me from my father's sheep; And he anointed me with his anointing oil.

5 My brothers were handsome and tall, But the Lord took no pleasure in them.

6 I went out to meet the foreigner, he cursed me with his idols.

7 But I drew his own sword and beheaded him and removed disgrace from the children of Israel.

My Notes

The Psalm is very in line with the life of David in 1 Samuel 16–17 before he became king of Israel. When he was just a Sheperd of Sheep and fought Goliath the Giant. It speaks in the first person as if the writer was David himself.

Verse 1 tells us that David was the youngest in his family among his brothers and that he was a Sheperd taking care of his father's sheep.

1Samuel 16:11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

Verse 2 tells us that he played the harp

(1 Samuel 16:16-19) "Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him." Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." (NKJV)

Verse 3–4 Talks about the Lord sending Samuel to anoint David with oil. Angel means messenger here.

1Samuel 16:1 ¶ Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."1Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Verse 5 Talks about the Lord's rejection of his brothers who to many was more qualified to be king than David himself.

(1 Samuel 16:5-10) And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." (NKJV)

Verse 6–7 Speaks about Goliath who curse David by his Gods and David cut his head off with his own sword.

(1 Samuel 17:41-43) So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. (NKJV)

(1 Samuel 17:50-51) So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. (NKJV)

This psalm is not in our Protestant Bibles, but it is the closest thing we have as if we were to have David himself with us to tell us the story of Chapter 16 & 17 of 1 Samuel from his very lips.

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